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# Structural Phase Transition in $PrFe_4P_{12}$ and $PrRu_4P_{12}$

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We argue that the same structural phase transition that gives rise to the metal-insulator (M-I) transition in the rare earth filled skutterudite $PrRu_4P_{12}$ is also responsible for lifting the degeneracy of the Pr $f^2$ crystal field ground state doublet in $PrFe_4P_{12}$. The difference between these two compounds stems from an extra hole-like band which crosses the Fermi surface in $PrFe_4P_{12}$ but not in $PrRu_4P_{12}$; the presence of this band supresses the M-I transition in $PrFe_4P_{12}$. The low temperature state of $PrFe_4P_{12}$ is metallic, with heavy carrier masses, and has quadropolar magnetic ordering.